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1. POLITICAL OFFICER DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
MORNING OF AUGUST 4. IEFTE NE POP OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND IO DIRECTOR
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ATE -- WHO WAS MEMBER OF GOR DELEGATION AT GENEVA BUT IS UNCERTAIN
WHETHER HE WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK -- STATED THAT ROMANIAN
POSITION ON DEFINITION OF OUTER LIMITS OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN IS
NOT YET "DEFINITIVE". HE RESPONDED TO POINT THAT USG CONSIDERS
IRISH FORMULA ONLY SOLUTION SUSCEPTIBLE TO CONSENSUS BY CHARACTER-
IZING ARAB COUNTRIES AS WELL AS "SOME OTHERS SUCH AS POLAND" AS
"STRONGLY OPPOSED" TO FORMULA. HE SPOKE OF SOVIET 300-MILE
PROPOSAL AS "COMPROMISE" BUT DID NOT OTHERWISE SUGGEST ANY
ROMANIAN INCLINATION TO SUPPORT IT. OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, HE SAID,
WOULD BE STUDIED DURING PREPARATION FOR RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION.

2. POP REMARKED THAT REAL PROGRESS MADE AT GENEVA ON DEEP
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OCEAN MINING WAS MAINLY RESULT OF COMPROMISE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
WHICH HE TERMED REALISTIC IN THAT ONLY MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
POSSESSED KNOW-HOW AND FINANCING TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTIVITY.

3. POP DISCUSSED IN LOW KEY FASHION "YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN"
PROPOSAL TO ENSURE DEVELOPING GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES
ACCESS TO SURPLUS OF LIVING RESOURCES OF ECONOMIC ZONES OUTSIDE

THEIR REGIONS/SUB-REGIONS AND FLATLY STATED THAT GOR WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT FELL SHORT OF ESTABLISHING ACCESS AS LEGAL RIGHT. HE ASSERTED THAT CURRENT PRACTICES GIVE NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUCH GREATER BENEFITS AT EXPENSE OF NUMEROUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. POLOFF DEMURRED ON THIS CONCLUSION WITH RESPECT TO U.S., WHICH HE STATED HAD BEEN FOR SOME YEARS INCREASINGLY DISADVANTAGED IN ITS OWN ECONOMIC ZONE AND WOULD FOLLOW ENLIGHTENED CUSTODIAL POLICIES THAT WOULD BE TO LONG-TERM ADVANTAGE OF GREAT MAJORITY OF INTERESTED PARTIES. POP DID NOT DISPUTE THIS STATEMENT, BUT REITERATED THAT THIS STILL DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SOVEREIGNTY/RIGHT ASPECT. POLOFF INFORMED POP OF RELEVANT PORTION OF REF B, CITING USG ACTION AS DEMONSTRATION OF FAIR-MINDED, NON-POLITICAL APPROACH DETERMINED SOLELY BY PREVAILING CONDITIONS. GOR INTEREST IN MAKING USE OF POSSIBLE ALLOCATION WILL BE TAKE UP WITH COMPETENT TECHNICIANS AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

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